

# Barbed Wire, Guns Divide Holy Land Factions

(King Williams, co-publisher of the HERALD, continues his comments on Europe and the Middle East today with his report from the Holy Land. Williams is a member of a study mission of American newspapers which has been studying conditions of several nations and talking to the top political figures abroad.)

By KING WILLIAMS

Thousands of pilgrims visiting the Holy Land this Pentecostal year cannot help but come away impressed with the ecstasy of "treading where the Saints have trod." Yet they see a land divided, Jerusalem cut in twain and separated by a devastated and decaying no man's land. They see barbed wire where armed men stand guard in an atmosphere charged with ten-

sion that can turn an incident into a full-scale war. Visitors see all this and most of them catch only a fleeting glimpse of the refugee camps where 450,000 men, women, and children are living out their lives, since Jerusalem was divided, as wards of the state and the United Nations. American taxpayers are footing most of the bill for the misery just as they do for any other project of the United Nations and, from what we saw in Jordan, they will be doing it for some time to come.

Tensions will rise over water rights as enterprising Israel begins to turn the arid land green for cultivation. The tiny Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, whose young King Hussein just recently married an English girl and a commoner, has few natural resources and is

dependent on foreign aid for economic help and its membership in the United Arab League.

Yet Jordan continues to be pro-western and apparently has no ties with Russia or communistic persuasions. Their leaders profess a willingness to get along with their neighbors. They confess frustration and defeat in getting the world to understand their plight.

But the Holy Land still stands with all the familiar places so often referred to in the Bible. Tourists can be divided into two classes: those who live a religious and have finally achieved a goal of a lifetime, and those who have an interest in anything historic or scenic and are adding one more far away place to their diaries.

It was warm in Jerusalem and Bethlehem and 105 degrees at the Dead Sea, slowly becoming a resort area reminiscent of some areas near the Salton Sea in California. An improved highway from Jerusalem to Jericho took us past numerous Bedouin tribesmen encamped in the desert in their black camel's hair tents. We paused for a time at the River Jordan to watch pilgrims from Norway being baptised in the muddy river, a stream no wider than most small creeks in the Middle-West. We saw a motion picture company on location making a picture on the exploits of Lawrence of Arabia and passed donkeys toting their masters to town just as their ancestors did in Christ's time.

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# COUNCIL DEFERS REZONING VOTE

## A Penny for your Thoughts

Next Tuesday is the Fourth of July, so the Pennies photographer asked a few people in the Southwood section of town "How do you plan to spend the Fourth?"

Their answers appear below:

George R. Farquhar, 22322 Linda Dr.

"We have children, and we will leave early Saturday morning for a trip to Lake Arrowhead. The children like to camp so we will spend the whole weekend at the lake. The older children may have a few fireworks also."

Earl Strickland, Jr., 8, 22411 Linda Dr.

"Dad and mom are taking my sister and me to the Colorado River for a camping trip. It is dad's vacation, so we'll be gone about a week. My sister and I are going to have fireworks on the Fourth."

Carole Robinson, 5266 Binkdewald Rd.

"I am going to the Colorado River with a group of friends. We enjoy water skiing, swimming and boating. We probably will be gone for three or four days, maybe a little longer."

Mike Gill, 6, 22225 Redbeam Ave.

"Daddy just got a new barbecue, so we will stay at home and have a picnic. My brothers and sister and I will have some fireworks at home, and then we will go to the beach to watch the fireworks there."

Bob Denesia, 22228 Redbeam Ave.

"My family will spend a quiet day at home. The children won't have any fireworks of their own, but we will probably go to the Coliseum in the evening to see the fireworks show there."

## In Wild Ride

# 15-Year-Old Hits Three Autos, House

Police took a 15-year-old Los Angeles boy into custody here early Monday after charging that he was the driver of an auto which struck three parked cars, rammed through the living room wall of a house, and led California Highway Patrol officers and Torrance police on a wild chase through the north and east ends of the city.

Police were alerted when the car clipped a parked car on 190th St. in the 3400 block, jumped the curb and rammed into a home at 3407 W. 190th St., backed out and continued across lawns and hedges, clipping a second auto on its way back into the roadway.

CALIFORNIA Highway Patrol officers took up pursuit of the fleeing youth but nearly lost him when their auto skidded out of control. A Torrance police unit continued the pursuit and halted the young driver at 213th St. and Western Ave. Police were told the youth hit a third auto during the chase. Identified as the driver of the other auto was Pharmacist George Paltridge, 1621½ W. 218th St. His wife, Florence, suffered minor injuries.

A FREAK accident on Rose-

crans Ave. near Vermont Ave. Tuesday injured a Torrance man when his vehicle swerved to avoid crashing into another car and ran into a fence.

In fair condition at Gardena Hospital is Erwin B. Smith, 29. Witnesses said Smith crashed into the fence when he swerved his auto to keep from crashing into another car. He suffered a broken nose, severe facial cuts, an arm cut, and multiple bruises.

THE SECOND car was not located, according to police reports.

Also injured Tuesday was Wallace McWilliams, 58, of 4133 W. 168th St., Lawndale. McWilliams escaped serious injury when his car overturned on Beryl St. near Flagler Lane. McWilliams was treated at South Bay Hospital and released. The car, which police said flipped in midair, was a total loss. McWilliams was thrown about 30 feet.



NEW LANDMARK . . . The changing shape of the North Torrance area is evidenced here at the crossing of the San Diego Freeway over Arlington Ave. between 182nd and 190th St. Supports for the huge overpass have been put into place to permit construction of the facility, allowing traffic on Arlington Ave. to continue. Similar construction will start soon at Crenshaw and the Freeway overpass. (Herald Photo)

## Southwest Court State's Busiest Says Judge Yager

Judge Thomas Yager, presiding judge of the Southwest District Superior Court, told a Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting Tuesday morning that the court, which is moving to Torrance, is the state's busiest.

Members attending the breakfast also heard Fred Adams, an architect with the Long Beach firm which will

design the new building.

JUDGE YAGER, introduced by Mayor Albert Isen, also told the Chamber members that the three judges assigned to the court do the work of eight.

Adams, who represents the firm of Adams, Morgan, Latham, Kripp and Wright, said that the building will have room for eight judges when opened, and will be expanded to 12. His firm has also contracted to build other county and municipal buildings on the civic center site.

THE COURT building, Adams said, will have eight courtrooms, and offices for a district attorney, a chief deputy, and 15 other deputies. Cost of the two-story structure will be about \$2 million.

He also said that architects anticipate a population of 300,000 in Torrance by 1980. In line with that, he pointed out that buildings slated for the civic center development may cost \$7 million.

## Polio Clinic Slated Today At Hospital

A polio clinic will be held at Torrance Memorial Hospital today between the hours of 4 and 8 p.m.

This is the second in a series of polio clinics sponsored by the Southwest District of the Los Angeles County Medical Assn. in conjunction with the local community hospitals. These clinics are another effort on the part of the medical profession and the local hospitals to insure that our community is protected against illnesses which can be prevented.

## Ask for Time To Study Data On 'Hot' Case

Arguments presented for and against a proposal to rezone 155 acres of industrial land to permit residential development will be studied by councilmen during the next four weeks before a decision is made known, it was decided at the end of a public hearing Tuesday night which lasted nearly three hours.

The request submitted by subdivision developer Don Wilson to change the zone on the property west of Crenshaw Blvd. between the area of 230th St. and the refinery tank farm north of Lomita Blvd. was argued pro and con before the councilmen after the planning commission had voted 6-1 recommending denial of the proposal.

WILSON, USING assessed valuation figures and other data he had compiled, argued that the city would gain by his development. He disputed the right of school officials to enter protests, and questioned the validity of other protests, many of them coming from residents in the Hollywood Riviera section of the city, who opposed the development on the grounds that would raise the tax rate.

R. I. Plomert Jr., Mobil Oil Co. official and chief spokesman for industry's stand against the request, challenged some of the tax figures presented by Wilson, citing that his own company had an assessed valuation of nearly \$25 million in Torrance and annually paid more than \$2 million in taxes here.

ALSO OPPOSING the bid were Lewis LeRoy, industrial land manager for the Santa Fe, and R. E. Thompson, representing the Union Oil Co.

LeRoy opposed the change on the grounds that the land was served by a rail line and should be retained for industry. Thompson, whose company maintains the tank farm adjacent to the property, said his firm believed the homes in that area would be detrimental to Union's operations.

C. A. Woodcock, representing the industrial committee of the Chamber of Commerce, asked that a decision on the matter be held in abeyance until a professional study could be made of the city's undeveloped land and a long-range evaluation made on best possible uses for that land.

THE MATTER was taken under submission by the councilmen who set July 25 as the date for a final decision.

Following the hearing, which was closed at about 11 p.m., the council spent an hour handling urgent matters, and then adjourned until noon today to discuss a proposal to enter into an agreement to provide dirt for the freeway in exchange for a new sump in the Victor Tract; and to discuss other matters which Acting City Manager John Bramhall says must be completed before the end of the city's fiscal year on Friday.



NEW CHAMBER OFFICERS . . . Officers of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce elected recently at Chamber elections were installed at a meeting of the Board of Directors Tuesday. Officers are Jim Hall, first vice president; William Shawyer, past president; Harold Frentz, new president; and C. A. Woodcock, treasurer. (Herald Photo)



HOSPITAL TRANSFER . . . Harry E. Deal (left), medical and health specialist for the California Disaster Office, turns over shipping lists for \$31,000 portable hospital made available to city to Mayor Albert Isen (second from left), Acting City Manager John Bramhall, and Joseph J. Rochefort, coordinator, Operational Area G, Civil Defense. The hospital will be stored at the Torrance Naval Annex. (Herald Photo)